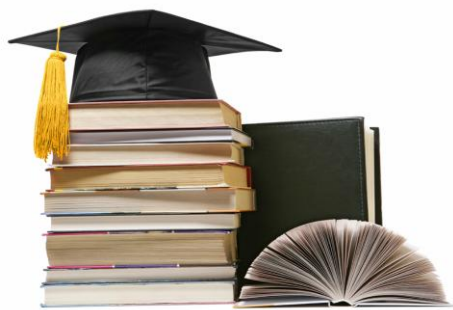


Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

2013

The Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) and the Community Advisory Committees (CAC) are accepting scholarship applications for the 2013 school year, beginning Tuesday, February 19, 2013 through Friday, March 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EST. Achieving a higher education is an important life choice for young people and their families; the CAHSD in conjunction with the CACs are offering sixteen (16) \$1,500 scholarships to deserving students who meet the eligibility requirements.



"By awarding me the CAHSD Scholarship you have lightened my financial burden which allowed me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning."

Linzy H.
2012 Scholarship Recipient

"The \$1,500 award really helped me financially... This way I am able to focus and have more time for my studies this year."

Grace M.
2011 Scholarship Recipient

"I am very appreciative for receiving the scholarship. It helped me out in ways most people wouldn't think you need help... such as rooming, transportation and books."

Kamika B.
2010 Scholarship Recipient

Eligibility requirements:

- Individual between the ages of 16-25 years old, who is a senior in high school, obtained a high school diploma/GED equivalent or is currently enrolled in college
- Applicants must reside in one of the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood
- Family income must fall within the 125% Poverty Income Guidelines of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) mandated requirements

Criteria for selection:

- Have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA
- Financial Circumstances
- Community Service
- Employment History

Download the scholarship applications from the Miami-Dade web portal at:
www.miamidade.gov/socialservices/citizen-participation.asp

For additional information related to the scholarship application or any programs or services provided by the Community Action and Human Services Department, contact Claudette McLean at (786) 469-4746 or via e-mail cmlean@miamidade.gov.

Scholarship applications also available at the following sites:

Edison NSC
Jean R. Lafortune
150 NW 79th Street
(305) 758-9662

Accion NSC
Maggie E. Nieto
858 West Flagler Street
(305) 547-4893

Perrine NSC
Gerald Cox or Dionne Brown
17801 Homestead Avenue
(305) 254-5804

Frankie S. Rolle NSC
Delvin Thomas
3750 S. Dixie Highway
(305)-446-3311

South Beach NSC
Teddy Harrell
833 Sixth Street
(305) 672-1705

Overtown Village North
Quincy Cohen or Rashad Thomas
701 NW 1st Court, Suite 9
(786) 469-4746



COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Action and Human Services Department
Citizen Participation Unit
701 NW 1st Court, 9th Floor
Miami, Florida 33136
Claudette Mclean
(786) 469-4746
Fax: (786) 469-4656

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: MARCH 29, 2013

AWARD PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY: Community Advisory Committee

I. PURPOSE:

To provide financial assistance to low-income youth, which enables them to attain an adequate education by attending college or vocational school.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Any person 16-25 years old, who is a senior in high school, has obtained a high school diploma/GED equivalent or current college student and is a resident of the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. For target area boundaries, see attached.

Applicant's family income must fall within 125% of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines (see attached).

III. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

Academic Achievement: The applicant must have achieved at least a 2.0 or "C" average in school. If the scholarship is for a vocational school, a letter of recommendation from the school's faculty or counselor should indicate the student's skills and interest in the vocational field.

Community Service: The amount of community service the applicant has performed will be considered. The applicant must submit at least three (3) references and a short description of the service he/she has rendered to the community.

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Employment/Internship History: The initiative and responsibility exhibited by the applicant by working during the junior and senior high school years, and input from the school faculty will be considered.

Financial Circumstances: Applicant's family income must fall within 125% of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines (see attached).

IV. CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

This scholarship, up to the amount of \$1,500, which includes matching funds, would require the student to provide the target area CAHSD, CAHSD/HCD Advisory Committee with a periodic progress report, and a final grade report or transcript.

V. APPLICATION:

The following documents must be attached to the application form:

- Proof of income for everyone in the household.
- Proof of address in target area: Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bill (copy)
- Proof of age: Birth Certificate or Driver's License of applicant only (copy)
- Copy of Social Security Card of applicant only.
- Letter of recommendation from school faculty (only for high school senior); see section D.
- Official copy of high school or college transcript.
- Letter of acceptance from educational institution or proof of enrollment is required. (if student is currently a high school senior and has not received notification of acceptance, a copy must be submitted if selected as a recipient)
- Copy of High School Diploma (if student is currently a high school senior, a copy of the diploma must be submitted as soon as it is received.)
- Typed Essay; see application checklist.

Children of committee members will be allowed to apply for a scholarship, but the member will be excluded from the screening committee, and will not vote when the committee makes the final selection of the winning candidate.

Only an original scholarship application will be accepted.

VI. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECRUITMENT PROCESS:

The Scholarship Program will be widely publicized through the media, area schools, community centers, local churches, and other community organizations.

VII. FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP:

If a student does not enter the educational institution within their full reimbursement grace period, the scholarship award amount will be returned to the appropriate Advisory Committee and CAHSD's Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship Fund, and another recipient will be selected.

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Scholarship Application Check List

Before submitting your Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) Scholarship Award Packet, please make sure you have included the following items:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OR FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT

- ☐ Complete Scholarship Application
- ☐ Attach a typed two page personal statement. The statement should be typed in a 12 point standard font (Arial or Times New Roman). The statement should address each of the following questions:
 - a) Why you should be selected for the award?
 - b) What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?
 - c) What are your career goals?
 - d) What extenuating circumstances might prevent you from entering college?
- ☐ Proof of income for everyone in the household. (copy); see Section F
- ☐ Proof of address in target area: Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bills. (copy)
- ☐ Proof of age: Birth Certificate or Driver's License of applicant only. (copy)
- ☐ Social Security Card of applicant only (copy)
- ☐ Recommendation form from school faculty (Only for high school senior); see Section D
- ☐ Official copy of High School transcript.
- ☐ Letter of acceptance from educational institution is required (Only for High School senior, if available).
- ☐ Copy of High School Diploma (if student is currently a High School Senior, a copy of the diploma must be submitted upon graduation.

CONTINUING OR RETURNING COLLEGE STUDENT

- ☐ Complete Scholarship Application
- ☐ Attach a typed two page personal statement. The statement should be typed in a 12 point standard font (Arial or Times New Roman). The statement should address each of the following questions:
 - e) Why you should be selected for the award?
 - f) What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?
 - g) What are your career goals?
 - h) What extenuating circumstances might prevent you from entering college?
- ☐ Proof of income for everyone in the household. (copy); see Section F
- ☐ Proof of address in target area: Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bills. (copy)
- ☐ Proof of age: Birth Certificate or Driver's License of applicant only. (copy)
- ☐ Social Security Card of applicant only (copy)
- ☐ Official copy of College transcript.

Applications must be hand delivered or post marked by March 29, 2013. Please deliver or mail your completed scholarship application to:

Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department
Scholarship Program
Alton V. Sears, Special Projects Administrator
701 NW 1st Court, 9th Floor
Miami, Florida 33136

For more information regarding the scholarship process or any other services provided by Community Action and Human Service Department, please contact Claudette McLean, at (786) 469 – 4746 or via e-mail at cmlean@miamidade.gov.

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MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants must live in the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove Culmer/Overtown, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. For target area boundaries, see attached.

Please type or print in ink.

Deadline for Application: March 29, 2013

Target Area: (SEE ABOVE) _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ :

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Classification during the Fall (August) 2013 semester:

☐

INCOMING FRESHMAN

☐

CONTINUING OR RETURNING STUDENT

For continuing or a returning student: I will be a _____ (fresh., soph., jr., sr., grad.)

Name of Institution planning to attend or is currently attending: _____

Major or expected major: _____

Career choice: _____

Secondary or minor area (s) of study: _____

Expected enrollment status for 2013-2014: ☐ full time ☐ part time
(12 credit hours or more)

SECTION A

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HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION (Complete only if you're a High School Senior or first year attending college.)

High school _____

High school address _____

High School GPA: _____ (weighted) _____ (unweighted) ACT Score: _____ SAT Score: _____

Have you participated in Dual Enrollment classes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What college did you attend? _____ Credits Earned _____

1. List school/church/community activities in which you have participated (include leadership roles).

2. Special honors/awards.

3. Work/Internship experiences while in high school.

SECTION B

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COLLEGE INFORMATION (Complete if continuing or returning college student)

List College/University: _____

College GPA: _____ College Credits Completed: _____

(1) List college/university/community activities in which you have participated (include leadership roles).

(2) Indicate any honors or special recognition you have received in college.

(3) Work/Internship experience.

(4) High school activities, honors, etc. High school: _____

SECTION C

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MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Recommendation Form
(High school students only)

This form is to be completed by the applicant's high school principal, assistant principal, dean, guidance counselor, or teacher. One recommendation form is mandatory to apply for the scholarship, additional recommendations are encouraged. Letters are welcomed.

Applicant's First Name: _____ Applicant's Last Name: _____

Applicant's Social Security Number: _____ Applicant's Birthday: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

Name of person completing this form: _____

Capacity in which you know the applicant: _____

Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below using the following numeric scale:

5 – Excellent **4** – Good **3** – Average **2** – Fair **1** – Poor

Academic Promise		Attitude	
Initiative		Respect	
Career Goals		Self-Discipline	
Responsibility		Perseverance	

Additional comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

SECTION D

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**Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department
Financial Information**

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) 125% OF POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES	
Family Size	125%
1	\$13,963
2	\$18,913
3	\$23,863
4	\$28,813
5	\$33,763
6	\$38,713
7	\$43,663
8	\$48,613
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$4,950

Please provide all requested information.

Applicant's First Name: _____ Applicant's Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

List of Household Occupants	Relationship	Is Occupant Working	Source of Income	Amount of Monthly Income

Signature (parent signature is required if student is under the age of 18.)

Date

APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF INCOME

SECTION E

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Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department Scholarship Affidavit

You must complete the following affidavit:

I, _____, swear (or affirm) to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following is true and correct:

- a. That the contents of this application are true and correct. _____ (initial here)
- b. I agree that my essay, and application shall be solely owned by CAHSD and I relinquish all rights there to. _____ (initial here)
- c. I understand that my application and all supporting documents will not be returned to me and they will remain the property of CAHSD. _____ (initial here)
- d. I understand that this scholarship is to be used solely and exclusively for the cost of tuition, books or other necessary expenses associated with the program in which I am enrolled. _____ (initial here)
- e. I affirm that the information provided in the Financial Information portion of the application is true and correct. I acknowledge and agree that CAHSD reserves the right to verify my income and financial information supplied herein as a condition of any scholarship award. _____ (initial here)

Applicant*:

Witness:

Signature

Signature

Print Name

Print Name

***Please sign and return with the Scholarship Application. If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian sign under Witness.**

SECTION F

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**Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department
Family and Community Services Division/Citizen Participation Unit
2013/2014
Target Area Boundaries**

Allapattah: Airport Expressway to the North and 836 Expressway and Miami River Dr. to the South; I-95 to the East and NW 37 th Ave. to the West
Brownsville: NW 62 nd St. to the North and NW 36 th St. to the south; NW 7 th Ave. to the East and NW 37 th Ave to the West.
Coconut Grove: McFairlane Main Highway, Franklin Ave., Charles Terr. And Loquet to the North and S. Dixie Highway to the South; 27 th Ave. to the East and Lejeune Rd. to the West
Culmer: NW 23 rd St. to the North and Miami River to the South; NW 1 st Ct. (Railroad) to the East and NW 7 th Ave. to the West.
Edison/Little River: 119 th St. to the North and NW 36 th St. to the South; FEC railroad track to the east and NW 27 th Ave. to the West.
Florida City CAA: SW 8 th St. (Lucy St.) to the North and Arthur Vinning Davis Parkway to the South; Krome Ave. to the East and Redland Rd. to the West.
Goulds: Black Creek to the North and SW 232 nd Street to the South; SW 112 th Avenue to the East and SW 127 th Avenue to the West.
Hialeah: Okeechobee Road to the West and Railroad Track to the East; Hialeah Drive (54 Street NW) to the South and 25 Street East thru Jose Marti Blvd. to the North.
Liberty City: NW 79 th St. to the North and NW 62 nd St. to the South; West of I-95 to the East and NW 37 th Ave. to the West.
Little Havana: Miami River to the North and SW 37 th Ave. to the South; I-95 to the East and 27 th Ave. to the West.
Naranja/Leisure City: limited to the North at 240 th Street SW and to the South part of 296 th Street SW, up to 147 th avenue and 288 th Street along Biscayne Drive. To the East is limited by SW and 133 rd place and SW 163 rd Avenue to the West.
Opa Locka: NW 151 st St. to the North and NW 119 th St. to the South; NW 17 th Ave. to the East and NW 47 th Ave. to the West.
Perrine: SW 172 nd St. to the North and SW 186 th ST. to the South; S. Dixie Highway to the East and SW 113 th Ct. to the West.
South Beach: 41 st St. to the North and South Beach Point to the South; the sea to the East and West Dade Blvd. to the West.
South Miami: SW 62 nd St. to the North and SW 72 nd St. to the South; SW 57 th Ave. to the East and SW 62 nd Ave. to the West.
Wynwood: NW 36 th St. to the North and NW 15 th St. to the South; Biscayne Bay to the East and NW 7 th Ave., and part of FEC Railroad Track to the West.

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**Miami-Dade Community Action and
Human Service Department
Family and Community Services Division
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION UNIT**



Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD) provides residents with the opportunity to advocate for change in their respective neighborhood through its Citizen Participation Program. The program assists residents in sixteen (16) communities throughout Miami-Dade County in playing an active role in improving their neighborhoods. Residents participate in Community Advisory Committees (CACs) that provides input on social and economic issues facing their community and develop strategies on correcting these issues.

Issues identified at the community level are forwarded to the CAA Board for resolution or passed on to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners for final action. The program provides a valuable mechanism for communication between citizens and decision-making entities and ensures that local residents are involved in the planning and development of activities for their neighborhoods.

Community Advisory Committees are located in the following communities: Little Havana, Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer/Overtown, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami and Wynwood.

The CAHSD Citizen Participation strategy and approach provides local residents with an opportunity to involve themselves in the planning of activities for their neighborhood. Activities include:

- Annual Scholarship Awards
- Health Fairs
- Resource Fair
- Disaster Preparation Workshops
- Meet and greet with local Politicians
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Housing Assistance Program
- Home Improvement Projects
- Street Improvement Projects
- Renovation of local parks
- Community Forums

For further information on Citizen Participation or any programs offered at Community Action and Human Services Department, contact Claudette McLean at (786) 469-4746.

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Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

The Community Action Agency's (CAA's) Family and Community Services Division Community Service Centers provide a variety of social services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families interested in achieving self-sufficiency. These centers offer a variety of core services such as:

- General Assistance
- Family Development
- Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP)
- Emergency Housing
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- Care To Share Energy Assistance Program
- Elderly Home Energy Assistance (EHEAP)
- Citizen Involvement/Participation
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Youth Intervention
- Crisis Intervention
- Computer Training
- FATHERS Program
- Second Chance-One Stop Program
- Farm Share Program
- Housing Assistance Grant Program (HAG)
- After School Programs
- Family and Child Empowerment Program (FACE)
- Notary Assistance
- Life Support Initiative Assistance Program (LISAP)
- Computer Maintenance/Repair and Networking Training Program
- Home Buyers Initiative
- Immigration Assistance
- Citizenship Classes
- ESOL Classes
- Arts and Craft Classes
- Dial a Life Program
- Sharp Program
- Lifeline and Linkup Telephone Service
- Notary Assistance
- Information and Referrals

Additional information regarding our Community Service Centers and the programs and services available, please call (786) 469-4640.

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